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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Review Staff

FROM : John F. Blake
Deputy Director for AdministrationSUBJECT : Review of Senate Select Committee Draft
Report (History of the Central Intelligence
Agency - Long Version)

1. Reference is made to Review Staff memorandum 76-0396 dated 26 April 1976. A representative of this Directorate has reviewed both the first and final drafts of the Senate Select Committee Report entitled "A History of the Central Intelligence Agency - Long Version." Based on this review, it is the position of the Directorate of Administration that this Report should remain classified.

2. A paper giving the rationale for this opinion is attached but basically our objections lie in two areas. First, the Report constitutes an excellent data base for anyone interested in uncovering or countering Agency clandestine operations. Thus, the Report meets the test of Executive Order 11652 in regard to classification at the Secret level since unauthorized disclosure of the information in the Report could reasonably be expected to cause serious damage to future intelligence operations of the U. S. Government.

3. Our second major objection lies in the fact that the Report was intended from its inception to be classified. With this understanding in mind, the author was given extensive access to classified Agency records as well as permission to interview many Agency personnel. As a result, it would be almost impossible at this point to make minor alterations in the Report which would enable it to be declassified.

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4. In view of these considerations, the Directorate of Administration does not concur in the declassification of this Report by the Senate Select Committee.

/s/John F. Blake

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ATTACHMENT

Security Considerations Regarding The
Senate Select Committee's Draft Report
Entitled "A History of the Central
Intelligence Agency"

Based on a review of the Senate Select Committee Draft Report entitled "A History of the Central Intelligence Agency" (long version), the following considerations are offered in regard to the declassification of the Report:

1. In objecting to the declassification of this Report, the point is not to protect the specific incidents cited therein. Many of them are well known, albeit never officially confirmed by any element of the U. S. Government. Rather, the point is that a detailed report of this nature provides an excellent data base for anyone interested in adversely affecting future clandestine operations of the Agency. Executive Order 11652 states that material may be classified Secret if it requires substantial protection inasmuch as its unauthorized disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause serious damage to the national security. Such damage would include disruption of diplomatic relations or revelation of significant military plans or intelligence operations. This Report meets these tests for classification at the Secret level inasmuch as future national security and intelligence operations could well be disrupted or compromised as a result of knowledge gained from this Report.
2. The second major consideration regarding this Report is the fact that it was originally intended to be a classified document. As a result of a special agreement with the President's Office, the author was given access to classified information such as the McCone History and other Agency histories that are classified Secret. The author was also allowed to interview many Agency

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employees with the express understanding that the results of her work would remain classified. The majority of the other reports written by the Senate Select Committee Staff were intended by their authors to be unclassified and coordination was effected with the agencies involved to insure that the authors had not inadvertently included any classified information in their reports. Since this Report was always intended to be classified, it is virtually impossible to try to make it suitable for declassification by deleting certain specific passages. The problem is not with the specifics of the Report but with the overall effect of its declassification.

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